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Subj: Glenwood Park Civic Club Meeting

Sir,

Last night I, Sharon Waligora (N42), 2 contractor representatives and 2 Norfolk public health officials briefed the Glenwood Park Civic Club on the progress of our Installation Restoration Program.

The audience, while not hostile, was skeptical of our pledge to thoroughly investigate, research and clean up, if necessary, the CD and Camp Allen landfills.

The community is very concerned over, what they perceive to be, health problems. They feel that the Navy dumped hazardous waste in the vicinity of Glenwood Park and that the hazardous waste is causing an inordinate number of residents to contract cancer. This issue was raised in a previous meeting and the Norfolk Public Health Department agreed to do a general study. At last night's meeting the Norfolk Public Health officials explained the study and stated that there was "no significant difference" between the number of cancer cases in Glenwood Park and other similar residential areas of Norfolk. This did not satisfy the residents and the Public Health officials agreed to further study the health issue.

Several other issues were raised. One resident said that another resident knew where the Navy had buried nuclear waste in the area and that there was possible radiation contamination. They asked if the Navy would test for radiation and I said yes we would if the resident who knows where the waste is buried would take us to the site or sites. Additionally, the residents stated that the Sheller-Globe cork and gasket company on Hampton Blvd. has been dumping into Fleet Rec. Park for years and the run off washes into their yards. We recommended that the State Water Control Board be contacted. Finally, a resident stated that another resident knew where paint cans were piled on the base. I said if that resident contacted me I would invite him to show me where the paint cans were and we would get them cleaned up.

As the meeting closed, I gave them my name as the Navy point of contact for any questions or comments. Sharon provided them an information package including my card. We also agreed to return and brief the group, as necessary, as the Installation Restoration Program progresses. The group thanked us for our time and effort and offered us cake and coffee.

Although we may never be able to convince some of the residents of our sincerity, I recommend we continue to try to provide as accurate and timely information as possible.

VH/Seamus